

DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

AMENDMENT 1

~~Section V.s. DBHS will process all certification requests within ninety calendar days of receiving all information that is necessary to review and process the certification request. DBHS will notify each prospective provider/provider in writing of its determination and furnish a copy to DMS.~~

1. There is a moratorium on the certification of new RSPMI sites. "New site" means any site not certified as an RSPMI site as of October 31, 2008, except:

(i) sites for which a pending application was under review by the Division of Behavioral Health Services on October 31, 2008;

(ii) replacement sites opened by an existing provider to provide ongoing continuity of RSPMI services when the provider is terminating services at a currently certified and operating RSPMI site;

(iii) sites in continuous lawful operation furnishing RSPMI services since May 31, 2008.

2. The moratorium shall be in effect until **December 31, 2010**, unless altered by amendment of this rule.

3. If the Director of the Division of Behavioral Health Services determines that the moratorium is causing an undue hardship to persons with mental illness, the Director may authorize a reasonable accommodation. An undue hardship may exist if medically necessary services become unavailable due to closure of a site or an RSPMI provider ceasing operations.

4. The Division of Behavioral Health will promulgate certification procedures to be effective concurrent with the end of the moratorium.